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1. (U) PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA ADDRESSED THE MILITARY AND GENDARMARIE CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND SECTOR COMMANDERS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER MARCH 13. THE MEETING OPENED A DIALOGUE WITH SENIOR OFFICERS WHICH IS TO BE RESUMED AT A DATE YBT TO BE ANNOUNCED. THE SPEECH WAS BROADCAST REPEATEDLY ON RADIO RWANDA AND TELEVISION COVERAGE SHOWED HIM READING EXCERPTS.

NEGOTIATIONS AND RECONCILIATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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2. (U) THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE THE SOLE MEANS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE WAR. HE RENEWED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE DAR ES SALAAM PROCESS, ALTHOUGH HE USED THE SAME SLIGHTLY AMBIGUOUS FORMULA THAT HE HAD USED ON MARCH 9.

3. (U) THE PRESIDENT SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE BEHAVIOR OF A SMALL NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN GUILTY OF PILLAGE, RAPE AND LOOTING, AND CALLED ON THE OFFICERS TO RETURN ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO PROPER DISCIPLINE. FINALLY, HE CONCLUDED BY CALLING ON ALL TO SPEAK A LANGUAGE OF THE IDEAL OF DEMOCRACY, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION--REAL NATIONAL RECONCILIATION--WITHOUT EXCLUSION, WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND WITHOUT A SPIRIT OF REVENGE, WITH THE SOLE OBJECTIVE OF A FIRM DESIRE TO RECONSTRUCT THE COUNTRY.

BUT THE RPF IS STILL THE ENEMY

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4. (U) ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED WITH A CALL FOR REAL NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, HE ACCUSED THE RPF OF BAD FAITH IN TERMS OF THE FEBRUARY 8 CEASE-FIRE VIOLATION, AND WENT ON TO ACCUSE THEM OF MANIPULATING THE MASSACRES IN GISENYI IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EXCUSE FOR THE ATTACK WHICH THEY HAD PLANNED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

5. (U) THE PRESIDENT ALSO NOTED THAT THE CEASE-FIRE IS NOT THE END OF THE ROAD, THAT THE PEOPLE AND THE ARMY MUST REMAIN VIGILANT AND BE PREPARED FOR THEIR OWN DEFENSE.

6. (U) FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT FRENCH TROOPS WERE IN RWANDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH RWANDA, AND THEIR DEPARTURE CAN ONLY BE EFFECTED ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AFTER THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA HAS ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE RETREAT OF THE RPF AND ITS POSITIONS OCCUPIED AFTER THE EIGHTH OF FEBRUARY.

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7. (C) [REDACTED]

8. (C) OPPOSITION REACTION TO THE SPEECH HAS BEEN CYNICAL, BUT CERTAINLY NOT AS NEGATIVE AS THE REACTION TO SOME OF HIS PREVIOUS SPEECHES. IT IS NOTEWORTHY, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT HE DID NOT USE THE OCCASION IN FRONT OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS TO AGAIN

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BLAME THE UGANDANS FOR ALL OF RWANDA'S PROBLEMS. AND
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HE DID REEMPHASIZE THE NEEDS FOR NEGOTIATION AND
RECONCILIATION. END COMMENT. FLATEN

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